

APPROVED JUNE 27, 2023

Montgomery County Community Action Board
Community Advocacy Institute Graduation
May 23, 2023
Bohrer Park

MINUTES

CAB Members in Attendance: Elaine Carballo, Valerie Chatfield-Smith, Lisa Conlon, Erika Conner, Lisette Orellana Engel, Denise Fredericks, Dr. Jeffery Johnson, Will Kenlaw, Pamela Luckett, Myriam Paul, Claudia Simmons, and Zelda Wafer-Jones

CAB Members Absent: Evelyn Okutu, Danette Lawrence, Timothy Robinson, and Mike Subin

CAA Staff: Sharon Strauss, Aizat Oladapo, and Leah Goldfine

CAI Ambassadors and Volunteers: Mayra Alvarado, Mary Bennett, Jeneba Daramy, and Theresa Marajh

The CAI graduation took the place of the May CAB meeting. The event celebrated the 21 graduates of the FY23 CAI. County Executive Marc Elrich was on hand to honor the graduates, noting that all community members should have a seat at the table when policies are being developed. The graduation, which was led by Dr. Jeffery Johnson and Zelda Wafer-Jones, also included a Joint County Executive and County Council Proclamation and remarks from Councilmembers Sidney Katz, Marilyn Balcombe, and Laurie-Anne Sayles; Betty Lam, Chief of DHHS Office of Community Affairs; and Sharon. Graduates had the opportunity to read their personal statements, which may be found in the [graduation program](#).